

Alma Record.

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Wholesale
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Grocer

We will not

waste our time, or pay for
space in a newspaper, to
tell the intelligent public
that ours is the only place
on earth to get *Groceries*.
But we will guarantee
every article leaving our
store FIRST-CLASS in every
particular or your money
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This week we submit the
following:

4 pkgs Bird Seed25c
6 bxs Sardines.....25c
Syrup, per pail.....38c
7 lbs Good Raisins.....25c
15 lb pail Jelly (regular 45c).....35c
4 lb pail Peaches.....25c
3 lb pail Apricots.....25c
Valance Oranges, per doz.....29c
Good Flour, per 100.....\$1.00
SPECIAL—5 bu Potatoes.....\$1.00

ED. KELLY,

ALMA.

L. H. HAYT

IS SELLING
EVERY DAY.

New cleaned Currants per lb.....5c
New Dates per lb.....5c
3 lbs London Layer Raisins.....25c
3 lbs Cooking Figs.....25c
New Canned Corn per can.....5c
2 cans Yellow Peaches.....25c
3 cans Riverside Tomatoes.....25c
8 bars Jaxon Soap.....25c
8 bars Lenox Soap.....35c
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We guarantee satisfaction.

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Large and complete
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Wall Paper

ALL THE LATEST
DESIGNS FOR

1896.

B. S. WEBB.

HOME AND VICINITY.

School tablets at Mahan's.

Will Davis has leased the Wright
House barber shop.

Will Reed was in Grand Rapids on
business last Friday.

D. Scott Partridge of Mt. Pleasant
spent Sunday in Alma.

Ernest Hoyt of Stanton visited his
sister here over Sunday.

Med. Medler of Sumner was the guest
of Alma friends Sunday.

Albert Bahlke of Mt. Pleasant visited
his brother here this week.

O. W. Rogers made a large shipment
of eggs to New York Tuesday.

J. M. Montigel has been in Clare and
Farwell on business this week.

Mrs. S. Fink and Miss Goldie went to
Chicago yesterday to visit friends.

Miss Bertha McLaren, who has been
teaching near Bannister, is at home.

The O. E. S. of this place visited the
St. Louis Chapter Wednesday evening.

J. F. Schwartz made a large order of
castings for a Mt. Pleasant firm, this
week.

Miss Whalen, preceptress in the high
school, went to Ann Arbor today on
business.

Alma Lodge, F. & A. M., special
meeting Saturday evening next, 3rd
degree. All come.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Rust and Mrs.
James McPherson of Saginaw visited
Alma friends, Tuesday.

Township Treasurer Rush reports
taxes in the township collected to with-
in about \$2,000 of the amount on the tax
rolls.

The leap-year candy pull to have been
held in the Church block this evening,
has been postponed till Friday evening
March 6.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Sixty acres
of improved land, 3 1/2 miles south of
Alma. Inquire at J. L. Miller's dry
goods store.

An informal *musical* will be given in
the college chapel this afternoon at four
o'clock. Admission, free. A cordial
invitation to all our citizens.

Lenten services will be held in St.
John's church every Friday evening
during Lent. This evening the pastor
will deliver a lecture on St. Chrysostom.

Deaconess Schenck, who has been visit-
ing in Mt. Pleasant, returned to Alma
Tuesday, for a few days, before return-
ing to the Deaconess Home in Grand
Rapids.

The Alma Rod and Gun Club has se-
cured its traps and will have everything
in readiness for a "shoot" next Friday
afternoon, at which time it is expected
some fine scores will be made.

Win Wilson will open his new grocery
store in the T. A. Ely building, tomor-
row. Win has a complete new stock,
and one of the prettiest stores to be
found anywhere in the county.

About four weeks ago a horse belong-
ing to J. S. Caple was kicked by another
horse and severely injured. Every effort
was made to save the life of the animal,
but to no purpose, and last Sunday it
was killed.

E. Brant has secured the agency for
the life of William McKinley, soldier,
lawyer and statesman. The book con-
tains an authentic account of the
brilliant career of this remarkable man
and is admirably written by Robert P.
Porter, the well known journalist. The
book is handsomely illustrated.

Steve Bennett knows more about a
"pigeon trap" than he did last Friday
morning. He was out with the Gun
Club, and was inspecting the trap, when
the spring slipped and flew up, striking
Steve in the head, inflicting a painful
scalp wound. Dr. Bagley took several
stitches in the scalp, and Steve is getting
along all right.

J. S. Caple and A. J. Hall will go to
Eaton Rapids tomorrow for the purpose
of attending a reunion of the Hall fam-
ily to be held there Sunday. Mrs. Caple
and Mrs. Hall are already there. The
father of Mrs. Caple and Mr. Hall will
be sixty-four years old tomorrow, Feb-
ruary 29, and it has long been the cus-
tom of his family to have a reunion
every 29th of February.

Fine stationery at Mahan's.

Gratiot county has 9,234 children of
school age.

Prof. J. W. Ewing was at the county
seat last Saturday.

Miner wants you to call before you
buy your grass seed.

ALMA FEED STORE.

Mrs. John Dunham is at the Park
Sanitarium in St. Louis.

Dr. J. H. Lancashire returned from
New York Tuesday noon.

Fresh taffies on sale at Fink's, 10
cents per pound, Saturday.

Alma Chapter, R. A. M., regular
meeting Monday evening next. Degree
work.

Marcus Pollasky is working a United
States senate room for himself in Chi-
cago.

Mrs. S. S. Davidson of Detroit has
been spending the week with Alma
friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward rejoiced
over the arrival of a bouncing boy baby
last Sunday.

The industrial school meets in Adam's
building tomorrow afternoon from two
to four o'clock.

A business meeting of the Y. P. S. C.
E. will be held this evening at the home
of Miss Marian Paddock.

William Seymour, a prosecuting
attorney of Medina, Ohio, visited his
friend, Bert Woodward, Sunday.

The Roller Mills shipped seven car
loads of flour to eastern markets last
week, and received from Iowa six car
loads of wheat.

The stereopticon entertainment given
in the high school room Monday even-
ing was fairly well attended, and netted
about eight dollars.

Claud Forton, formerly with the
Keely Institute in Detroit, now manager
of the Keely Institute in Benton Harbor,
spent Sunday with his parents here.

A. R. Dingman attended the Michi-
gan High Court of the Independent
Order of Foresters in Lansing this week,
as a delegate from Alma Court, No. 778.

WANTED.—The address of the Young
man who took Marza Chapin's drum,
Chapin, already thin to attention, is
pinning away to a shadow, mourning for
that drum.

E. Kuhn of New York City, L. B.
Cotter of Chicago, Mrs. T. F. Wallace
of Minneapolis, and Miss Elizabeth Wal-
lace of Galesburg, Ill., are guests at
"The Alma."

The work of letting the contracts for
the Newark and Arcadia drain, 15 miles
long, commenced Monday. As far as
they have been let, the contracts vary
from 12 cents to \$1.40 per rod.

George Taylor was helping put a
barrel of pork in the cellar of Kelly's
store Saturday evening. The barrel
slipped on the stairs, and rolled over
George, bruising him considerably.

Rev. W. F. Irwin, pastor of the West-
minister Presbyterian church of West
Bay City, has received a call from the
Fifth Presbyterian church of Chicago.
Mr. Irwin is a son of Mrs. Kate Irwin
of this village.

The collection to be taken in St. John's
church at the Lenten service this even-
ing will be donated to George Washing-
ton's church in Washington. This will
be the only collection taken during the
week-day services in Lent.

A gang of Italian peddlers put up at
the Angel House over Sunday. Shortly
after dinner Marshal Greig appeared on
the scene and arrested one of them, for
stealing a vest from a farmer in North
Star. The "Dago" was turned over to
Sheriff Pettit, and taken to the county
jail.

T. A. Ely's fine driving team, while
hitched near Ellison's store last Friday,
became frightened by a baby cab, and
ran down Superior street. In front of
Hayt's grocery store the team ran into
a team belonging to Mr. Grover. Ely's
cutter was damaged, and the horses not
a little bruised.

We acknowledge the receipt of an
invitation to attend the formal opening
of Normal Hall, and a reception to
Mayor Pingle of Detroit, in Petoskey
this evening. Also a complimentary
banquet at the Hotel Imperial tendered
to Mayor Pingle by the Petoskey Nor-
mal School and Business College, M. O.
Graves, M. A., Principal.

The business men of Cuyahoga Falls,
Ohio, have turned over to the Woman's
missionary society of that city, all the
old bills which they regard as worthless,
and pay the women a generous commis-
sion on all collections made. The
women wait on the slow paying custom-
ers, and by appealing to their better
natures, have been successful in getting
a good many of them to pay up. Here
is a good suggestion for some of the
enterprising woman's organizations of
Alma.

T. A. Ely has handed us the third
annual report of the inspection of fac-
tories, in this state, made under direc-
tion of the bureau of labor and industrial
statistics. The reports of the five
deputy factory inspectors are full and
complete, showing that careful, thor-
ough work has been done. T. A. Ely,
inspector for the fifth district, shows
that since his appointment, June 12,
1895, he has visited 328 factories and
revisted seven. Mr. Ely says there is
a very general desire on the part of
manufacturers to comply with the law.

A full line of feed and grain.

ALMA FEED STORE.

Six thousand rolls of wall paper just
received at Webb's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Convis of Ithaca
spent Sunday in Alma.

The Union Aid Society held its last
meeting for this season, Tuesday after-
noon.

Mrs. A. J. Gardner and children, who
have been visiting R. D. Lemen's, have
gone to Cadillac.

Alma Chapter, O. E. S., regular
meeting Friday evening, March 6th.
Good attendance requested.

Bert Hayes, prosecuting attorney of
Montcalm county, was the guest of his
sister, Mrs. Bert Woodward, Sunday.

Nichols, the jeweler, is daily receiving
the latest styles in buckles, belts and
fancy designs in jewelry. Call and see
them.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will
give a birthday social in G. A. R. hall
Saturday afternoon from three to five
o'clock.

Mrs. M. Pollasky went to Detroit
Monday. Her son Max was seriously
injured in a runaway accident in that
city last week.

H. J. Vermeulen started Thursday
for Los Angeles, Cal., stopping en route
at Kansas City. Mrs. Vermeulen will
join him about the first of April.

Dr. E. A. Bagley has the material on
the ground, and in the early spring will
make extensive improvements and
changes on his residence on State street.

W. F. Hooper has sold the forty acres
known as the Marion Park farm, four
miles south of Alma, to Alexander
Dorsey, who will move onto the farm
this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bildson enter-
tained the B. Y. P. U. Wednesday
evening. An excellent musical and
literary program was given and refresh-
ments served.

Saturday, Feb. 29, at 2 p. m. in front
of the table factory, will be sold on a
chattel mortgage, one light brown horse,
eight years old, and one new Singer
sewing machine.

In the case of Prof. J. W. Ewing the
office sought the man. It never occurred
to him to offer himself as a candidate
until he had been repeatedly importuned
by friends in all parts of the state.

F. E. Pollasky's Up-to-Date Clothing
House, is well stocked with the latest
novelties in clothing, shirts, neckwear,
hats, and caps. In fact, everything
required by gentlemen who dress well.

About 17 members of Alma Chapter
of O. E. S. visited St. Louis Chapter
Wednesday night, in response to invita-
tion. They all report a very fine time
and are well pleased with their evening's
entertainment.

A number of Alma young ladies gave
their gentlemen friends a sleigh ride to
Shepherd last Saturday. This is the
beginning of the "revenge" the young
ladies declare they will mete out to the
young gentlemen during the year.

An unusually interesting meeting of
the Woman's Club was held last Mon-
day. Papers were read by Mrs. G. H.
Jeffs on the Artists of the sixteenth
century, by Miss Caroline Delavan on
San Marco, and by Mrs. L. S. Stevens
on the Renaissance and its work.

A visitor to the Kindergarten depart-
ment of the public schools, last Monday,
saw on the black board some drawings,
by little four and five-year-old pupils,
of buds and stems of plants, which would
have done credit to any pupil in the
building.

The annual business meeting of the
W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of
Mrs. W. C. Clark next Wednesday
afternoon, from three to four o'clock.
A short program will be given after the
business meeting and tea will be served.
All are cordially invited.

At F. E. Pollasky's Model Shoe
Parlors can always be found a complete
assortment of the best and most fash-
ionable goods on the market, in ladies',
gent's and children's fine shoes. Our
citizens will not have to leave Alma to
get the best goods for the least money.

William Meyer Post G. A. R. attended
the service in the Presbyterian church
last Sunday evening, on invitation of
Rev. W. F. Jones, who preached a ser-
mon on the life and work of Washing-
ton. This popular pastor was at his
best, and his sermon is said to have been
one of the best ever delivered by him.

The creamery made large shipments
of butter this week to New York City,
Traverse City, Detroit and Saginaw. A
shipment of one-half ton of butter is
made every alternate Monday to
Traverse City. The creamery company
has just filled a large ice house in the
township of Lafayette, which will be
made the place of exchange for five new
routes.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will
give a Birthday social in the G. A. R.
rooms, Saturday afternoon next from
three to five o'clock, to which all are
cordially invited, especially the scholars
and all interested in the Sunday school,
old as well as young. The plan includes
the contributing as many pennies to the
Singing Book Fund as the giver is years
old. However, everybody is urged to
come whether they contribute or not, as
a good time is arranged for and we want
all to enjoy it. The children will give a
program and light refreshments will be
served.

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Men's, - - - \$3.50
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Fancy Dress Shirts, with or without Collars
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All Winter Goods, in Suits, Overcoats
and Underwear at cost.

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A new supply of Optical Goods
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that I am located in the Fink Block,
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new building) with a fresh stock of
Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet
Articles, and Stationery. (Com-
pounding of prescriptions a specialty.)
Everything is fresh and clean, and
I respectfully solicit a share of your
trade, assuring you courteous treat-
ment and honorable dealing.

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Pure Drugs
and Medicines
Choice Toilet Articles
Fine Stationery
Newest Designs in
Wall Paper, etc.

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